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SUBJECT: MEO LEADER, LY TU PAO, GOES TO FRANCE

REF: UDORN MEMCON OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1976

1. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTHEAST TOLD CONSOFF DECEMBER 21 THAT LEADER OF MEO REFUGEE CAMP IN LOEI PROVINCE, LY TU PAO, HAD RECENTLY DEPARTED WITH FAMILY FOR RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE. LY TU PAO IS AN EX-COLONEL AND A FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF IN VANG PAO'S MEO ARMY. FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF HE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED LEADER OF NEARLY 20,000 MEO REFUGEES IN NORTHEAST THAILAND.

2. ACCORDING TO UNHCR REP, LY TU PAO'S DEPARTURE MAY INFLUENCE OTHER REMAINING MEO REFUGEE LEADERS TO FOLLOW SUIT, THUS ABANDONING LONG STANDING MEO HOPES TO RESETTLE TOGETHER IN A
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THIRD COUNTRY IN ONE LARGE SETTLEMENT. SUCH A LOSS OF LEADERSHIP COULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR REMAINING MEO REFUGEES TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THAI PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEO REFUGEE CAMPS IN LOEI AND NONG KHAI PROVINCES. LOSS OF EXPERIENCED LEADERS IS ALSO LIKELY TO MAKE UNHVR SPONSORED SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS AT CAMPS LESS EFFECTUAL.

3. LY TU PAO'S DEPARTURE IS NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT LAO RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. AS NOTED IN REF. MEMCON, OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF MEO IN NORTHEAST THAILAND HAVE SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST IN PURSUING RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES AGAINST LPDR. CONSEQUENTLY, LOSS OF LU TU PAO AND POSSIBLE DEPARTURE OF OTHER SENIOR LEADERS IN LOEI AND NONG KHAI CAMPS WOULD HAVE NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON ANY SUPPORT FOR LAO RESISTANCE OPERATIONS WHICH MAY BE COMING FROM THOSE CAMPS.

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